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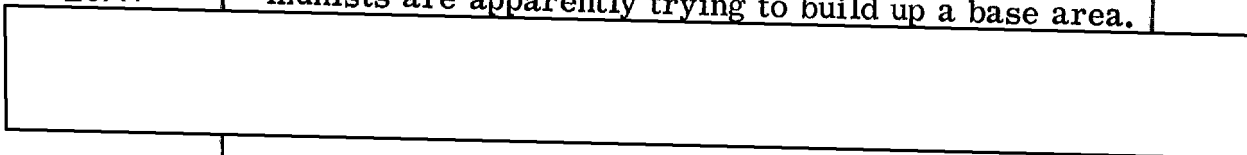


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South Vietnam: The South Vietnamese Government has decided to use all possible means to encourage the migration of minority tribesmen from Viet Cong areas to government-controlled areas, where they will be offered maximum security and economic advantages. In recent months, increasing numbers of tribesmen--allegedly as many as 100,000 of an estimated 650,000--have sought government protection from Viet Cong pressure. The tribes inhabit the remote mountain regions adjacent to southern Laos and northeast Cambodia where the Communists are apparently trying to build up a base area.



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Congo: Leopoldville's current attempts to restrict air service and communications to Katanga, as well as its threats against commercial firms "supporting Tshombé," have enraged Katangan government officials and created some panic among the European community there. The UN representative in Elisabethville told US officials he was only following UN orders in carrying out the restrictions at Elisabethville and Kamina airports imposed by the Adoula government. The representative said he was caught flat-footed by Leopoldville's decision. He fears that the Katangans will retaliate by making localized attacks on UN personnel or cutting off UN provisions and public utilities services.

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Just before leaving New York for Brazil on 6 August, Secretary General Thant said he had not approved the UN action, nor did he believe anyone else in New York had done so. On the following day, however, a UN official in New York stated that although he regretted Leopoldville's initiative, he thought the UN Command would probably continue to enforce the decree at Elisabethville and Kamina airports so as not to "pull the rug out from under" Adoula.

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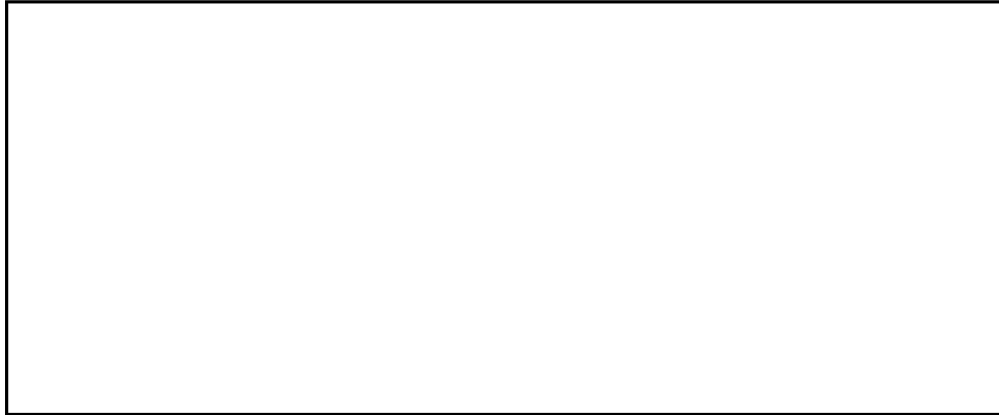
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*Ecuador: Frequent anti-government strikes and demonstrations in Ecuador continue to threaten that country's stability. On 6 August a general strike in the southern province of El Oro caused the government to dispatch army troops to restore order and to open roads blocked by the demonstrators, who were protesting the government's failure to make budget payments to that region. At least one striker was killed and several injured, according to the US army attaché in Quito. Ambassador Bernbaum on 7 August reported that the situation is serious because of the continuing inability of the government to forestall strikes and because of the opening of congress on 10 August. The armed forces are reported on alert status.

Arosemena has faced persistent threats of overthrow from both the left and right since he assumed power in November 1961. Failure of the government to prevent further disturbances could lead to an attempt by rightist groups to oust him.

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